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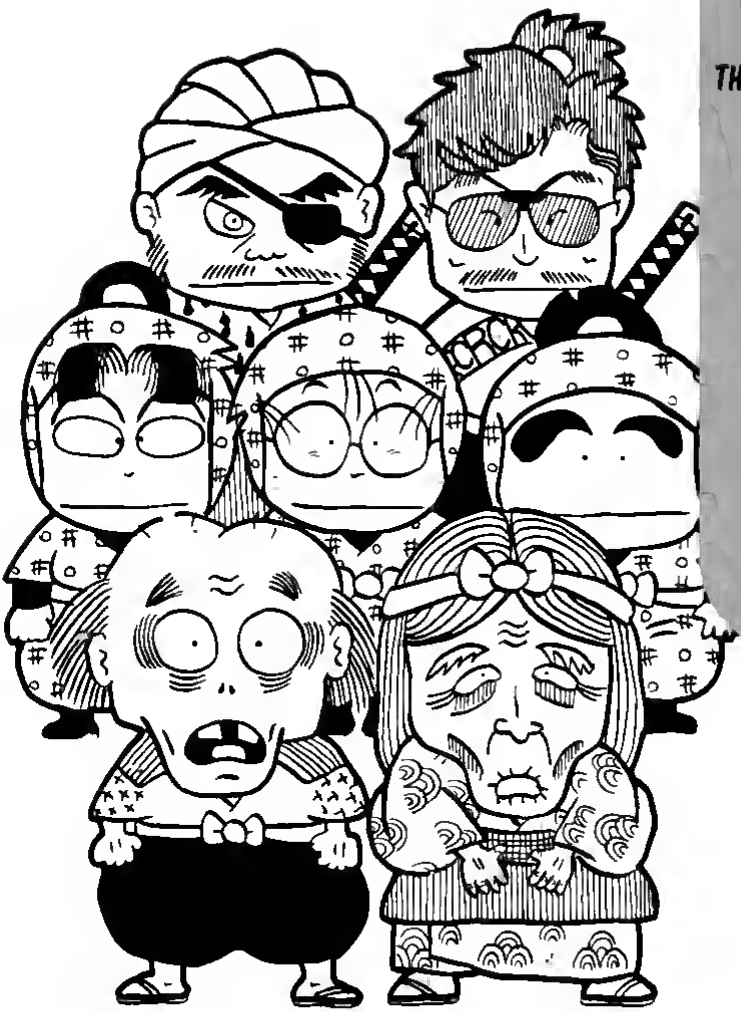
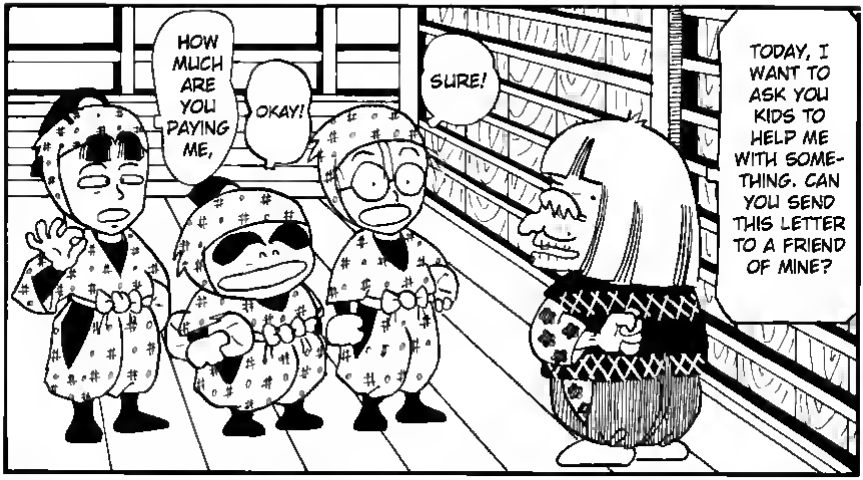
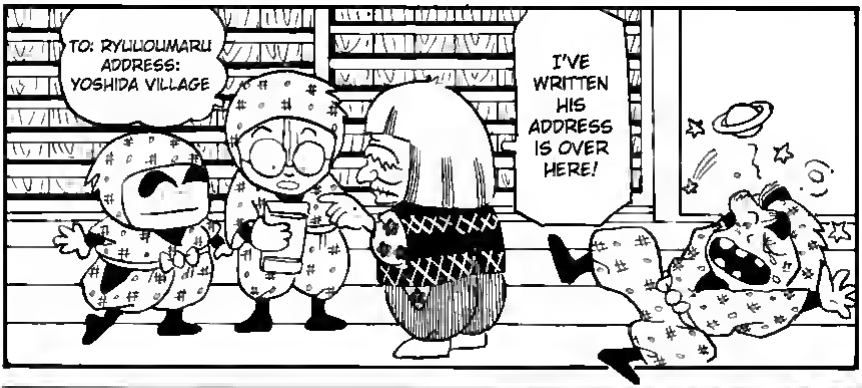
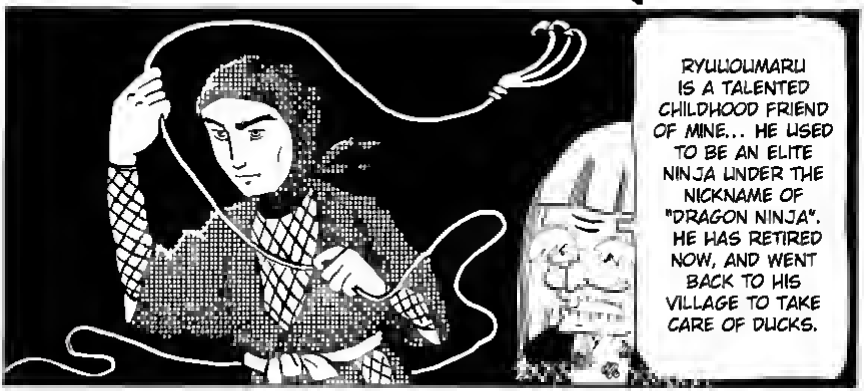
LET'S TEAM UP TO CATCH THE BANDITS!




HOW MUCH ARE YOU PAYING ME,
OKAY!
SURE!
TODAY, I WANT TO ASK YOU KIDS TO HELP ME WITH SOMETHING. CAN YOU SEND THIS LETTER TO A FRIEND OF MINE?


TO: RYUUOUMARU ADDRESS: YOSHIDA VILLAGE
I'VE WRITTEN HIS ADDRESS IS OVER HERE!


RYUUOUMARU IS A TALENTED CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF MINE... HE USED TO BE AN ELITE NINJA UNDER THE NICKNAME OF "DRAGON NINJA". HE HAS RETIRED NOW, AND WENT BACK TO HIS VILLAGE TO TAKE CARE OF DUCKS.

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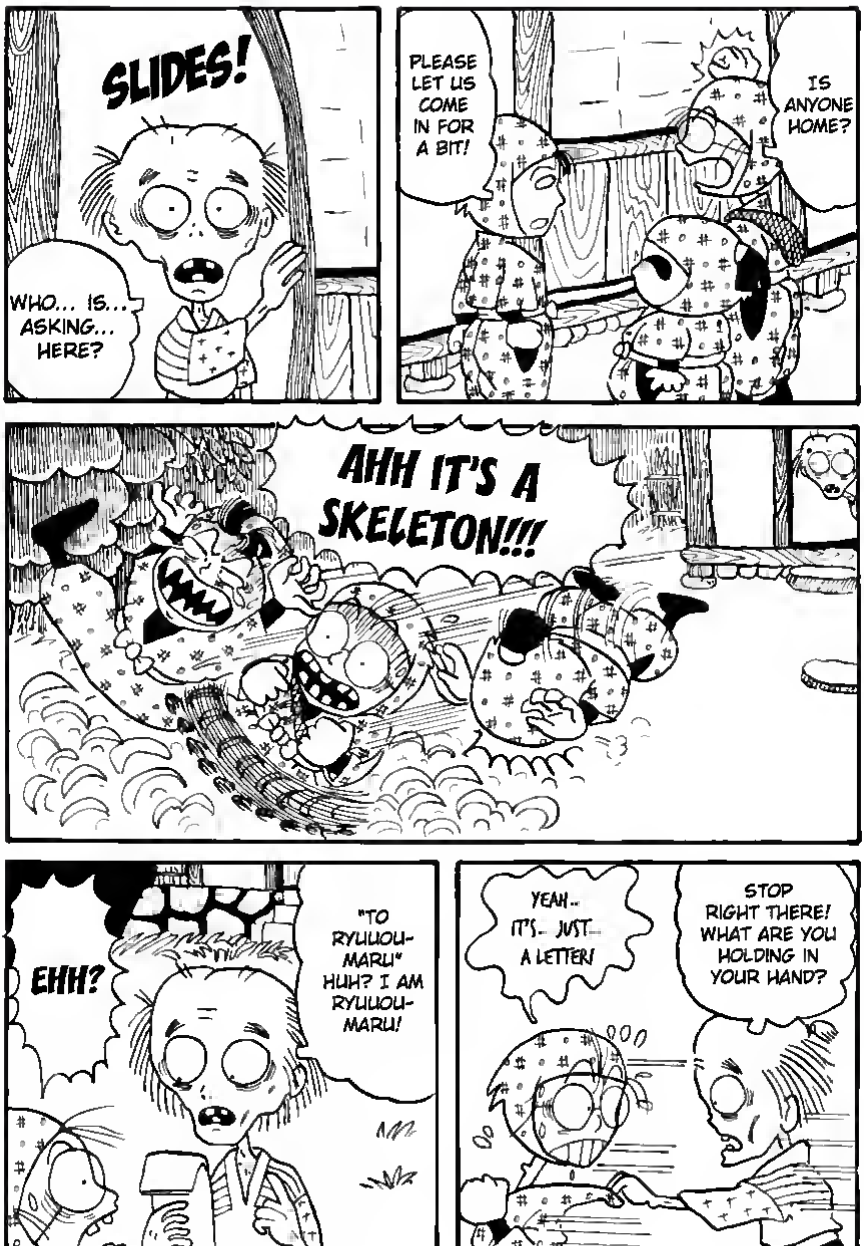
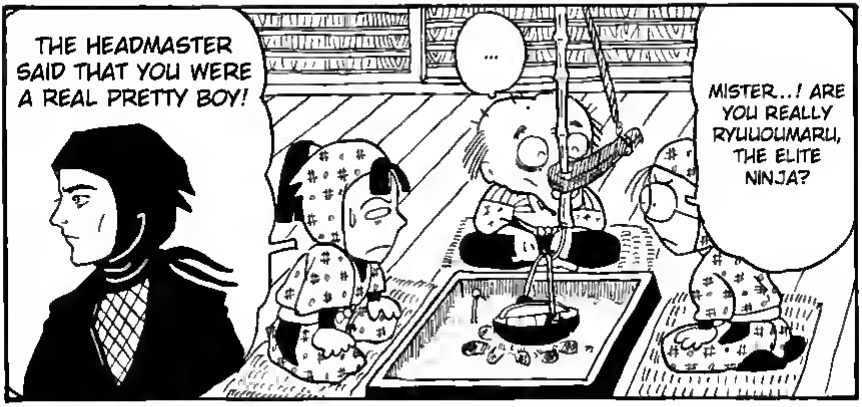
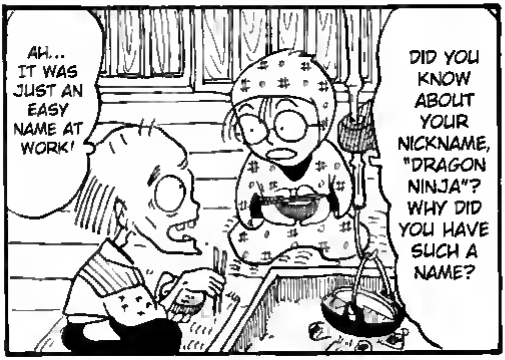
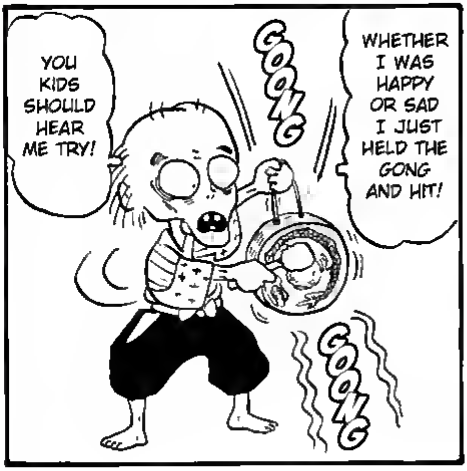
YEAH, IF WE WAIT TO LISTEN TO HEADMASTER'S STORIES... WE'LL LOSE THE REST OF THE DAY!
WE BETTER GO!
HEHEHE... WHEN WE WERE ONLY GRADE SCHOOLERS, WE USED TO PLAY SOME MISCHIEVOUS PRANKS LIKE...
I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING!
HEY! WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG RANTAROU!
TAKE THE MAP OUT SO WE CAN SEE!
IT'S TOO DARK!
IS IT ALMOST NIGHT?
WHY DON'T WE GO IN THAT HOUSE AND ASK THEM?

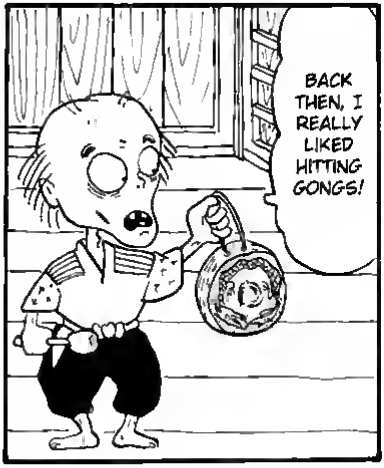

SLIDES!
WHO... IS... ASKING... HERE?
PLEASE LET US COME IN FOR A BIT!
IS ANYONE HOME?
AHH IT'S A SKELETON!!!
EHH?
"TO RYUUOU-MARU" HUH? I AM RYUUOU-MARU!
YEAH.. IT'S.. JUST.. A LETTER!
STOP RIGHT THERE! WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING IN YOUR HAND?

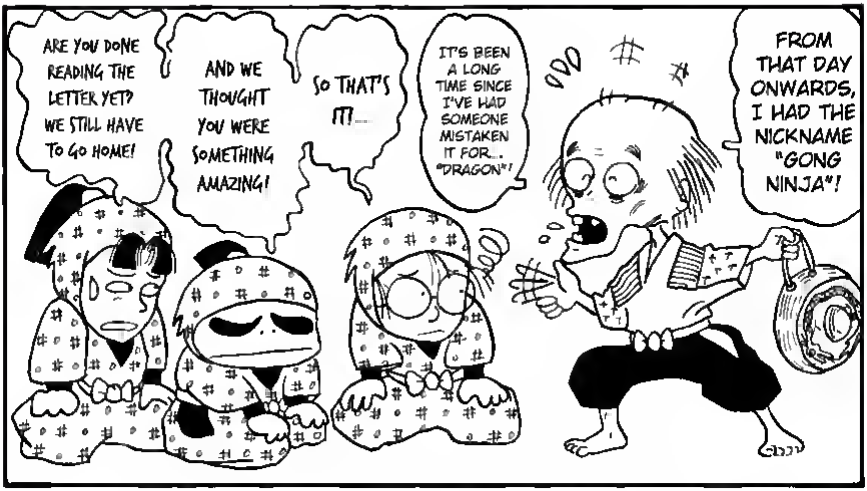
A WHILE LATER...

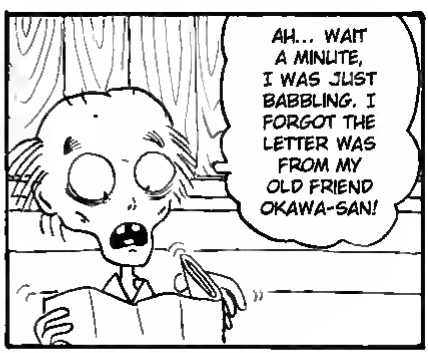









ARE YOU DONE READING THE LETTER YET? WE STILL HAVE TO GO HOME!
AND WE THOUGHT YOU WERE SOMETHING AMAZING!
SO THAT'S IT!...
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE HAD SOMEONE MISTAKEN IT FOR... "DRAGON"!
FROM THAT DAY ONWARDS, I HAD THE NICKNAME "GONG NINJA"!



Dear Ryuuoumaru! I heard the news that there are bandits nearby your village. I really want to help you, but I've gotten old and weak. I cannot walk too far. So I decided to let my 3 ninja students here be your helping hands. Expel the evil.

I wish you success.

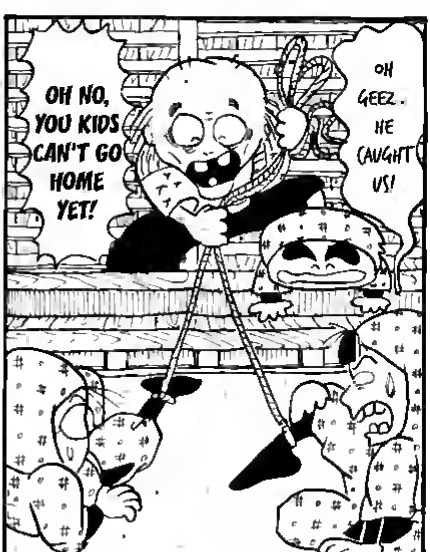
OH... MY... MY POOR DEAR OLD FRIEND OKAWA-SAN....

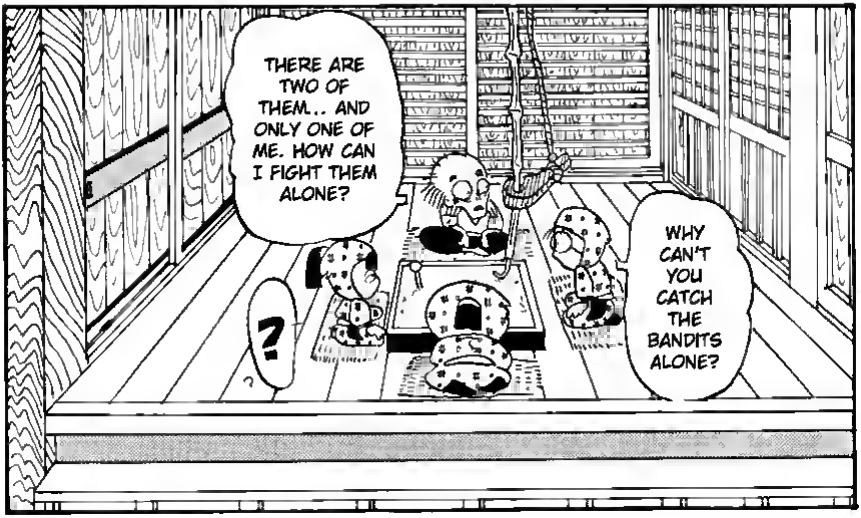
WHY DO WE HAVE TO STAY HERE?
I DON'T GET IT!
SO, WHAT IS IT NOW?

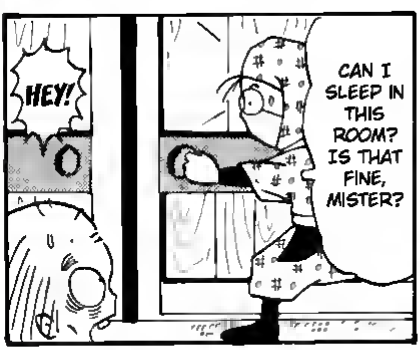
HOLD IT NOW!
WHAM

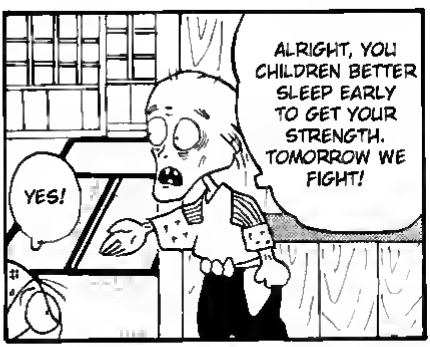
WE SHOULD RUN FOR IT!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

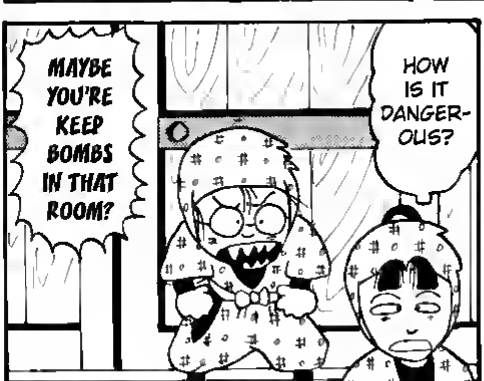
OKAWA-SAN WROTE IN THE LETTER THAT YOU KIDS CAME HERE TO HELP ME CATCH THOSE BANDITS!
OH BOY


OH NO, YOU KIDS CAN'T GO HOME YET!
OH GEEZ. HE CAUGHT US!

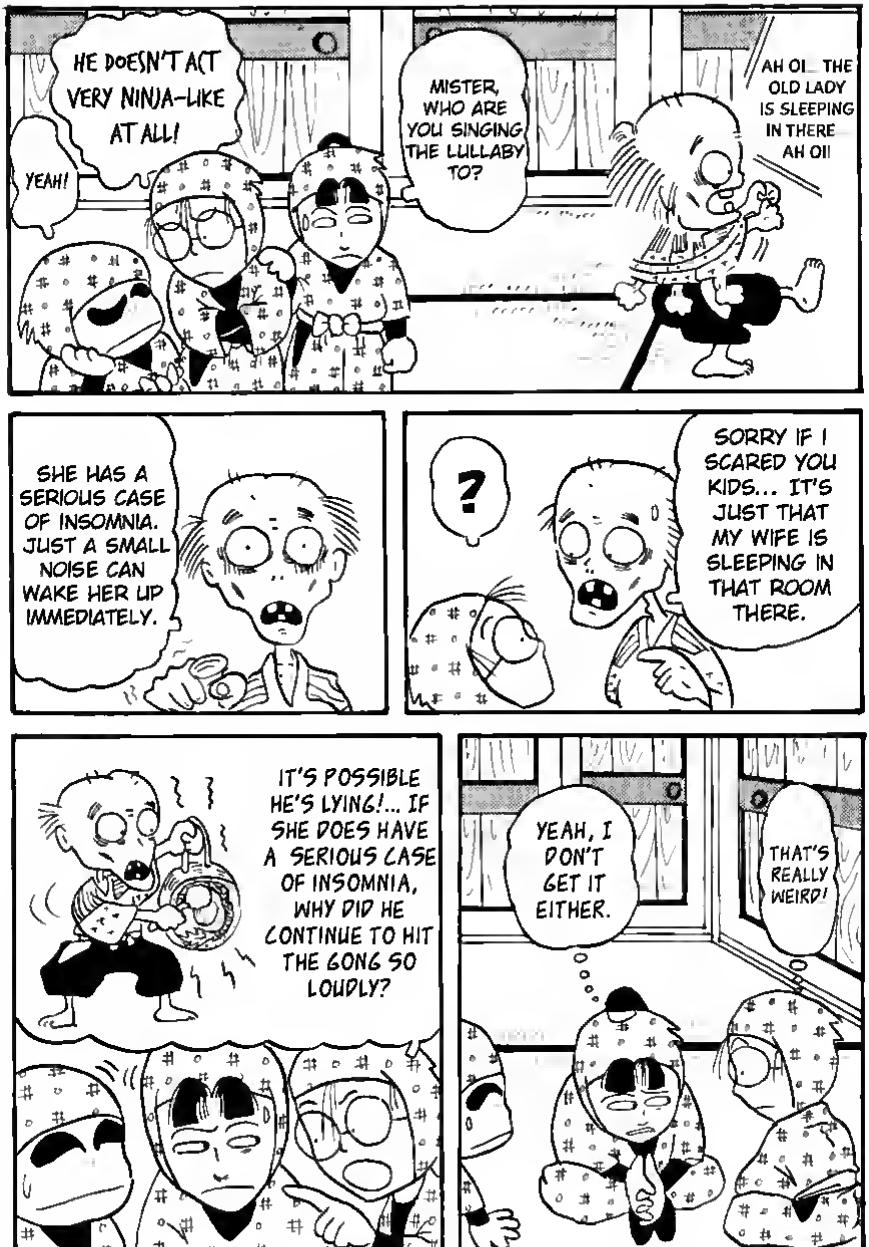

THERE ARE TWO OF THEM.. AND ONLY ONE OF ME. HOW CAN I FIGHT THEM ALONE?
?
WHY CAN'T YOU CATCH THE BANDITS ALONE?

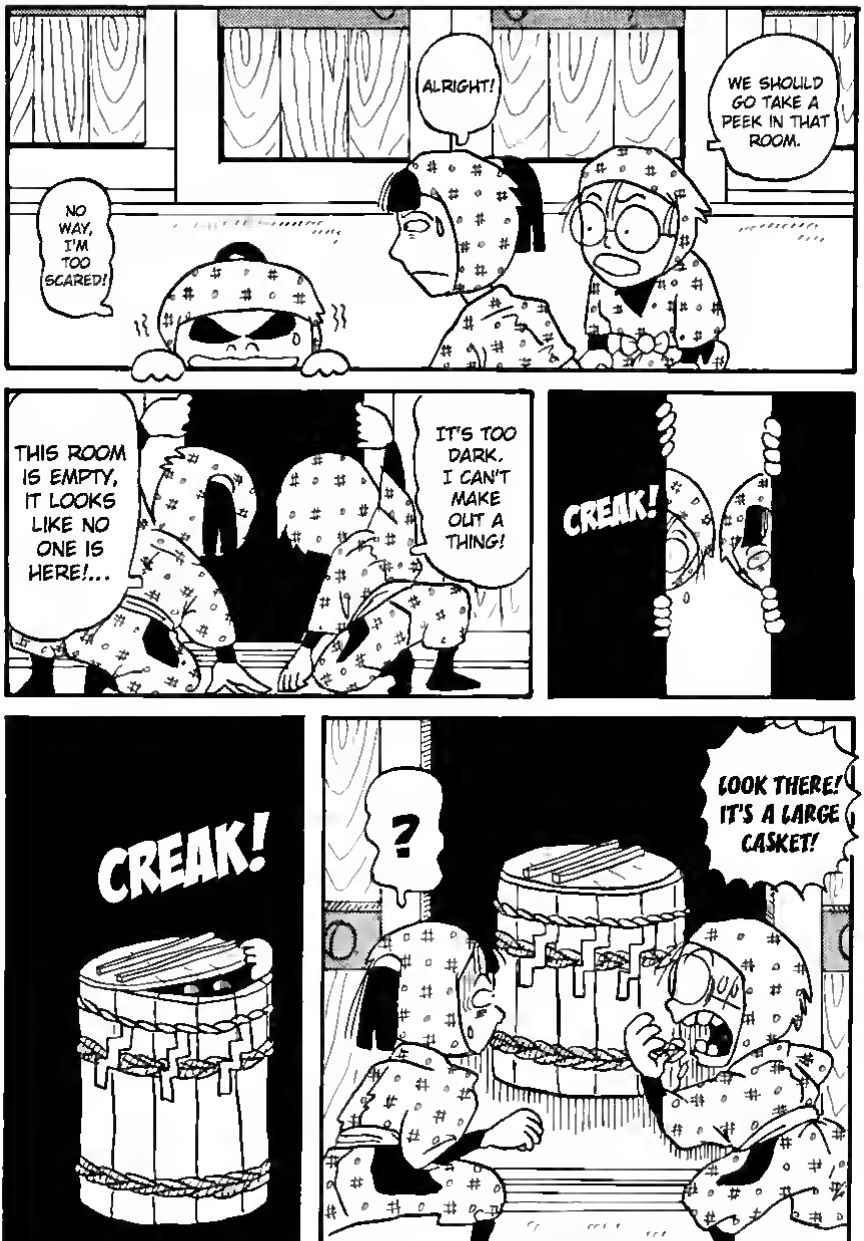

HEY!
CAN I SLEEP IN THIS ROOM? IS THAT FINE, MISTER?


YES!
ALRIGHT, YOU CHILDREN BETTER SLEEP EARLY TO GET YOUR STRENGTH. TOMORROW WE FIGHT!

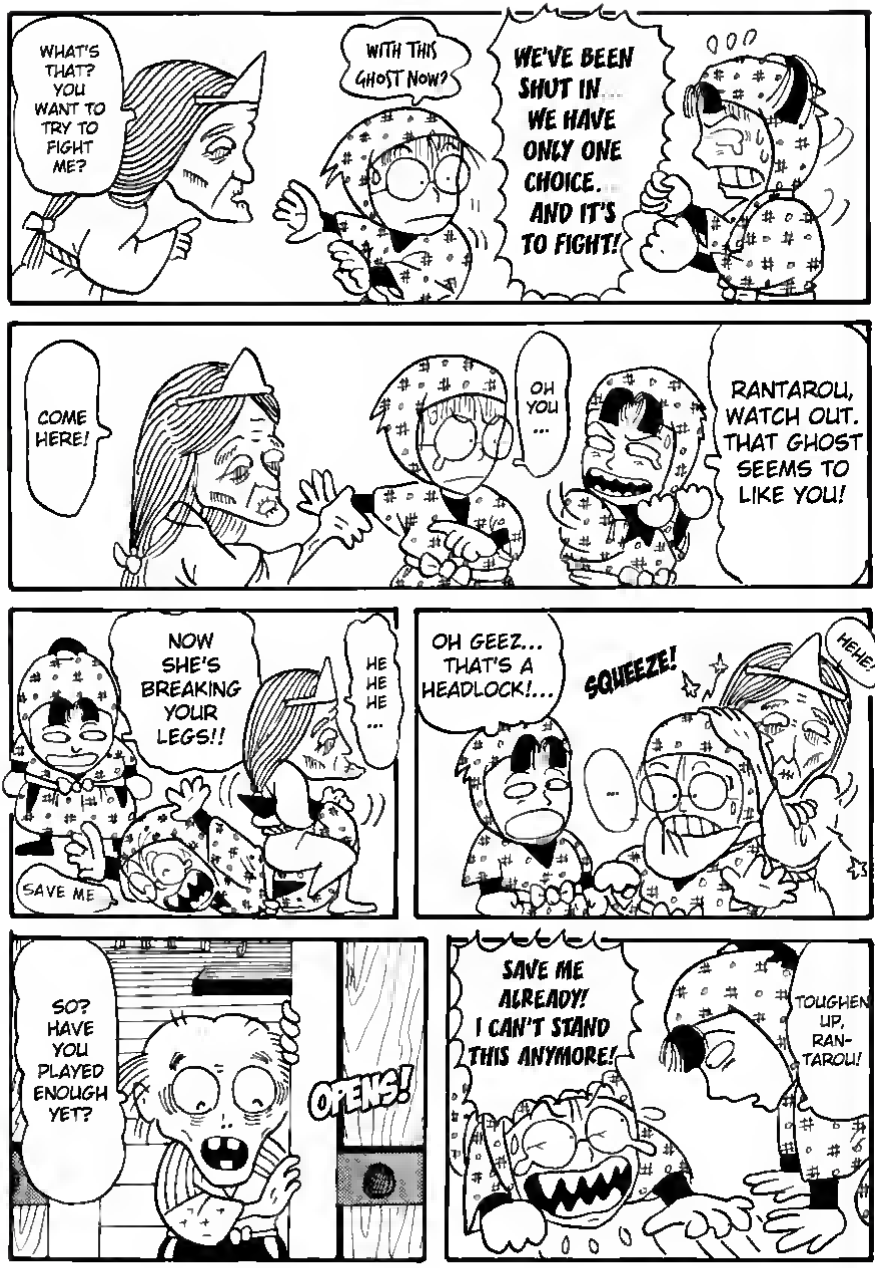

MAYBE YOU'RE KEEP BOMBS IN THAT ROOM?
HOW IS IT DANGER-OUS?

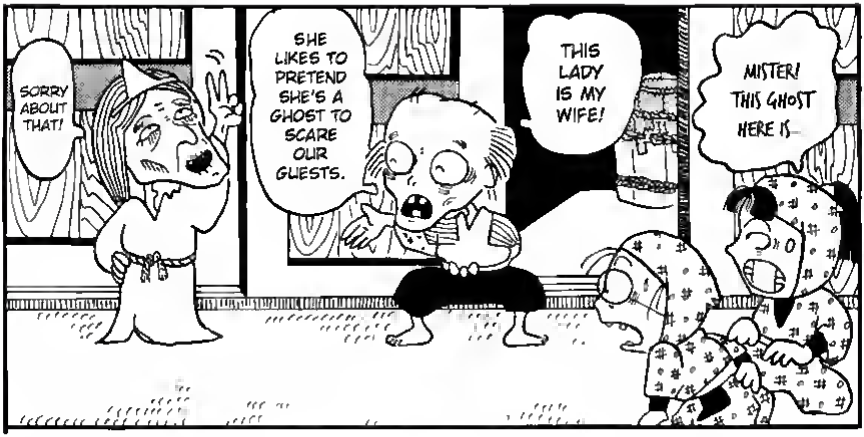
OOH NO
YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE! THAT ROOM THERE IS VERY DANGEROUS!

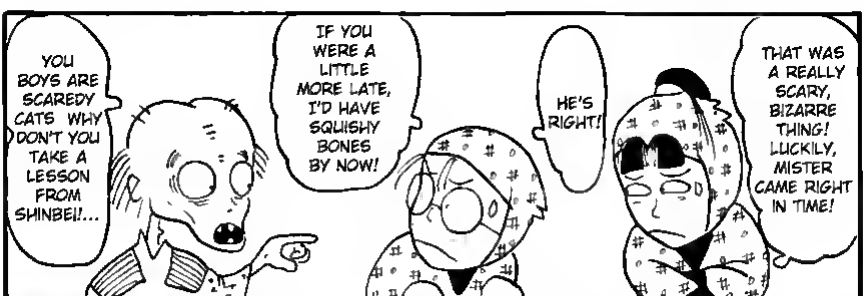

HE DOESN'T ACT VERY NINJA-LIKE AT ALL!
YEAH!
MISTER, WHO ARE YOU SINGING THE LULLABY TO?
AH OI... THE OLD LADY IS SLEEPING IN THERE... AH OI!
SHE HAS A SERIOUS CASE OF INSOMNIA. JUST A SMALL NOISE CAN WAKE HER UP IMMEDIATELY.
?
SORRY IF I SCARED YOU KIDS... IT'S JUST THAT MY WIFE IS SLEEPING IN THAT ROOM THERE.
IT'S POSSIBLE HE'S LYING!... IF SHE DOES HAVE A SERIOUS CASE OF INSOMNIA, WHY DID HE CONTINUE TO HIT THE GONG SO LOUDLY?
YEAH, I DON'T GET IT EITHER.
THAT'S REALLY WEIRD!


NO WAY, I'M TOO SCARED!
ALRIGHT!
WE SHOULD GO TAKE A PEEK IN THAT ROOM.
THIS ROOM IS EMPTY, IT LOOKS LIKE NO ONE IS HERE!...
IT'S TOO DARK. I CAN'T MAKE OUT A THING!
CREAK!
CREAK!
?
LOOK THERE! IT'S A LARGE CASKET!

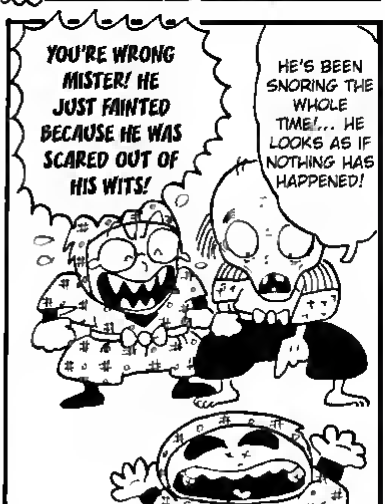
UAA...
OOH...
UUA...
OPENS
HE HE HE..
HEY!
HE HE HE..
D-DON'T KILL ME!
A... A GHOST
OH NO! THE DOOR IS LOCKED TIGHT NOW!
HUAH!


WHAT'S THAT? YOU WANT TO TRY TO FIGHT ME?
WITH THIS GHOST NOW?
WE'VE BEEN SHUT IN... WE HAVE ONLY ONE CHOICE... AND IT'S TO FIGHT!
COME HERE!
OH YOU...
RANTAROU, WATCH OUT. THAT GHOST SEEMS TO LIKE YOU!
NOW SHE'S BREAKING YOUR LEGS!!
HE HE HE...
SAVE ME
OH GEEZ... THAT'S A HEADLOCK!...
SQUEEZE!
HEHE!
SO? HAVE YOU PLAYED ENOUGH YET?
OPENS!
SAVE ME ALREADY! I CAN'T STAND THIS ANYMORE!
TOUGHEN UP, RAN-TAROU!

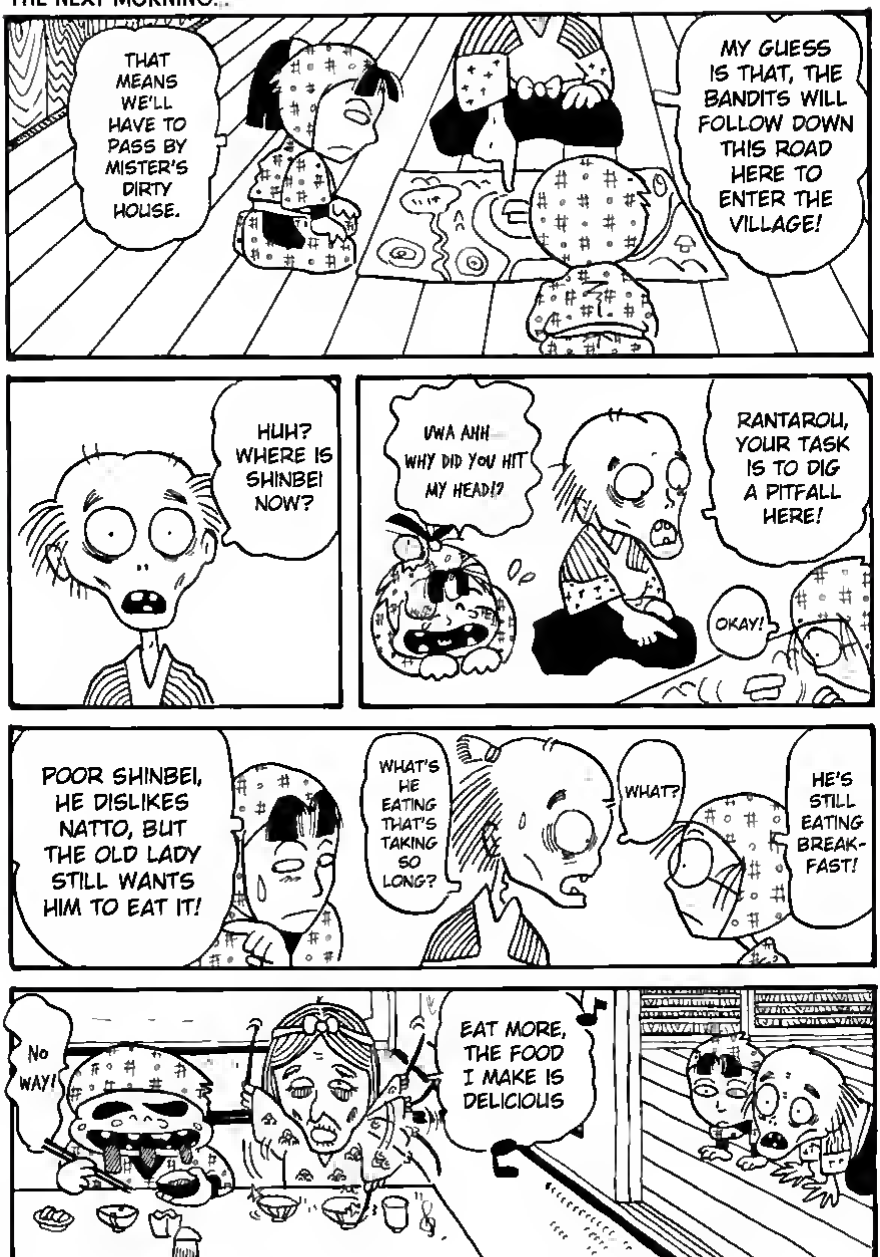

SORRY ABOUT THAT!
SHE LIKES TO PRETEND SHE'S A GHOST TO SCARE OUR GUESTS.
THIS LADY IS MY WIFE!
MISTER! THIS GHOST HERE IS...

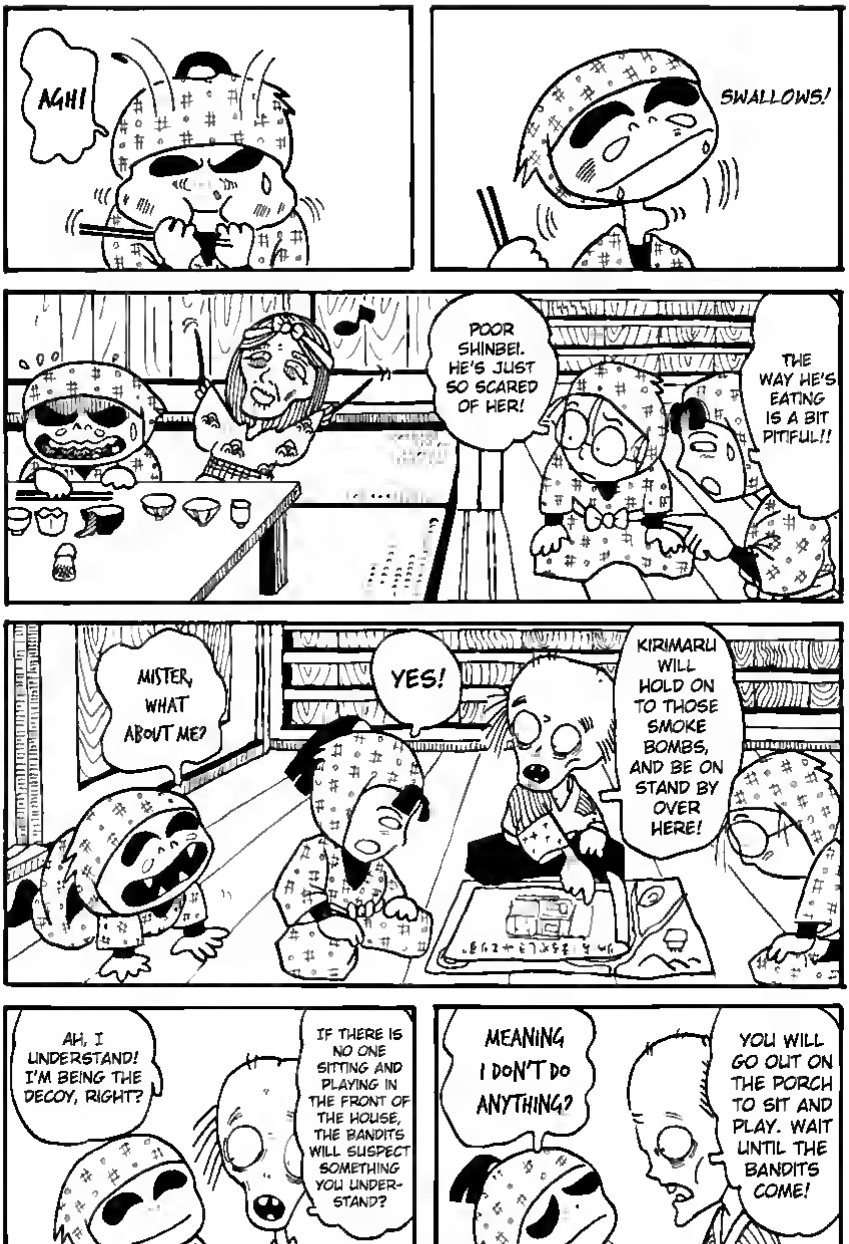

YOU BOYS ARE SCAREDY CATS WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LESSON FROM SHINBEI!...
IF YOU WERE A LITTLE MORE LATE, I'D HAVE SQUISHY BONES BY NOW!
HE'S RIGHT!
THAT WAS A REALLY SCARY, BIZARRE THING! LUCKILY, MISTER CAME RIGHT IN TIME!

...
ALRIGHT, ENOUGH! YOU SHOULD CONTINUE SLEEPING... FOR TOMORROW WE SHALL MEET AGAIN!
GOOD NIGHT!
OH GEEZ..


YOU'RE WRONG MISTER! HE JUST FAINTED BECAUSE HE WAS SCARED OUT OF HIS WITS!
HE'S BEEN SNORING THE WHOLE TIME!... HE LOOKS AS IF NOTHING HAS HAPPENED!

THE NEXT MORNING...


THAT MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO PASS BY MISTER'S DIRTY HOUSE.
MY GUESS IS THAT, THE BANDITS WILL FOLLOW DOWN THIS ROAD HERE TO ENTER THE VILLAGE!
HUH? WHERE IS SHINBEI NOW?
UWA AHH... WHY DID YOU HIT MY HEAD!?
RANTAROU, YOUR TASK IS TO DIG A PITFALL HERE!
OKAY!
POOR SHINBEI, HE DISLIKES NATTO, BUT THE OLD LADY STILL WANTS HIM TO EAT IT!
WHAT'S HE EATING THAT'S TAKING SO LONG?
WHAT?
HE'S STILL EATING BREAK-FAST!
No WAY!
EAT MORE, THE FOOD I MAKE IS DELICIOUS


AGH!
SWALLOWS!
POOR SHINBEI. HE'S JUST SO SCARED OF HER!
THE WAY HE'S EATING IS A BIT PITIFUL!!
MISTER, WHAT ABOUT ME?
YES!
KIRIMARU WILL HOLD ON TO THOSE SMOKE BOMBS, AND BE ON STAND BY OVER HERE!
AH, I UNDERSTAND! I'M BEING THE DECOY, RIGHT?
IF THERE IS NO ONE SITTING AND PLAYING IN THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE, THE BANDITS WILL SUSPECT SOMETHING YOU UNDERSTAND?
MEANING I DON'T DO ANYTHING?
YOU WILL GO OUT ON THE PORCH TO SIT AND PLAY. WAIT UNTIL THE BANDITS COME!

SEEMS SO... BUT THAT'S STILL FINE!
MISTER! I WORRY THAT SHINBEI WILL END UP SLEEPING!
OKAY!
I WISH YOU VICTORY!
HURRY INTO YOUR POSITIONS! I CAN HEAR THEIR HORSES COMING!
GALLOP
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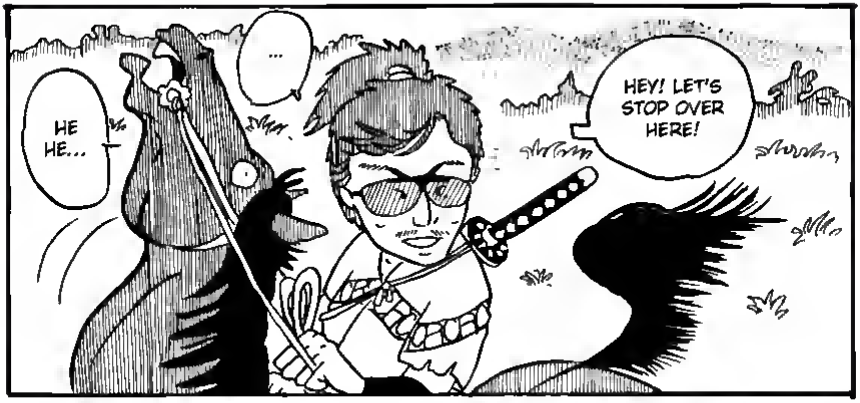
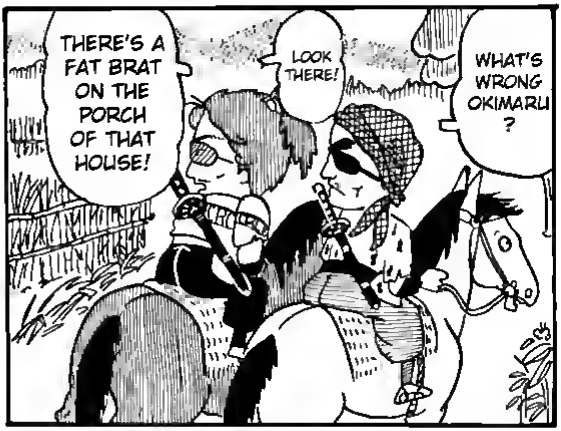
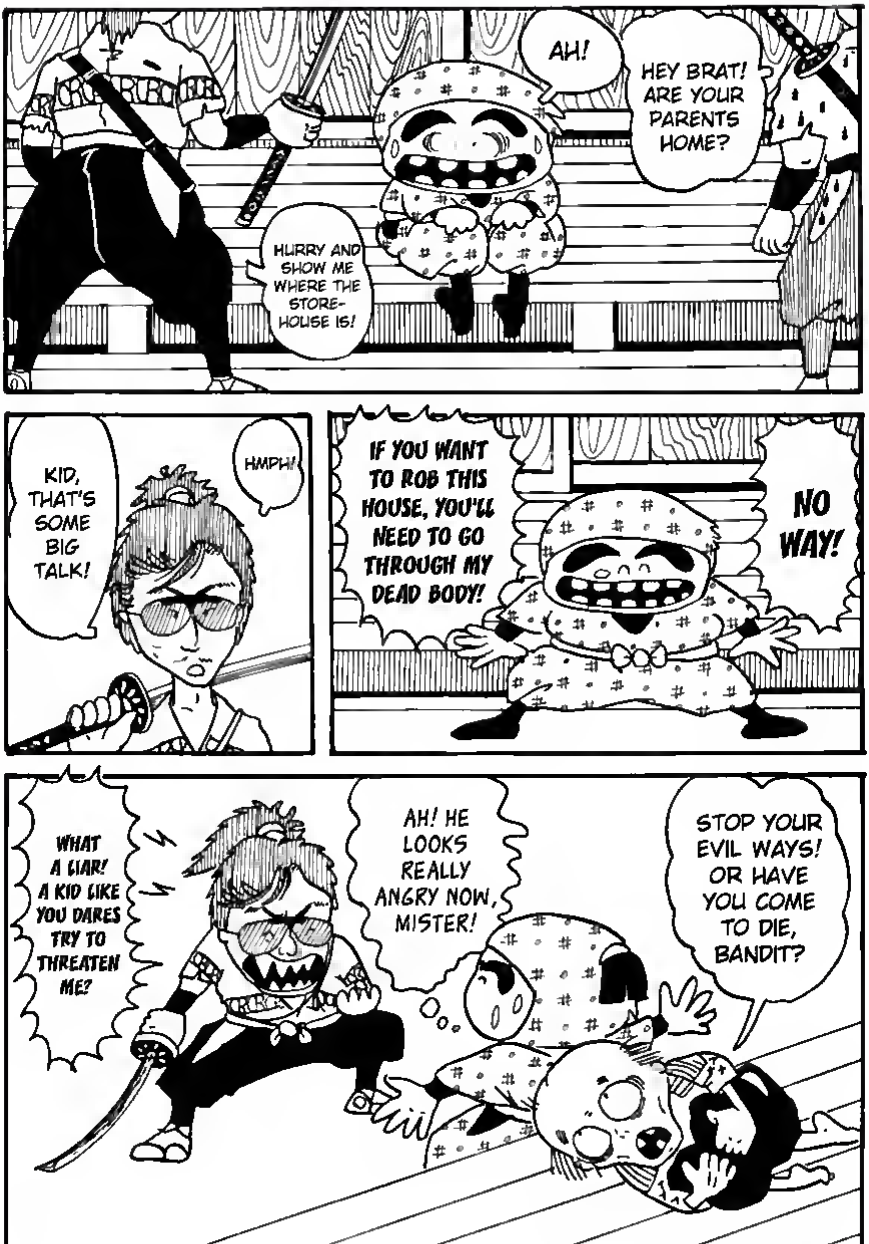
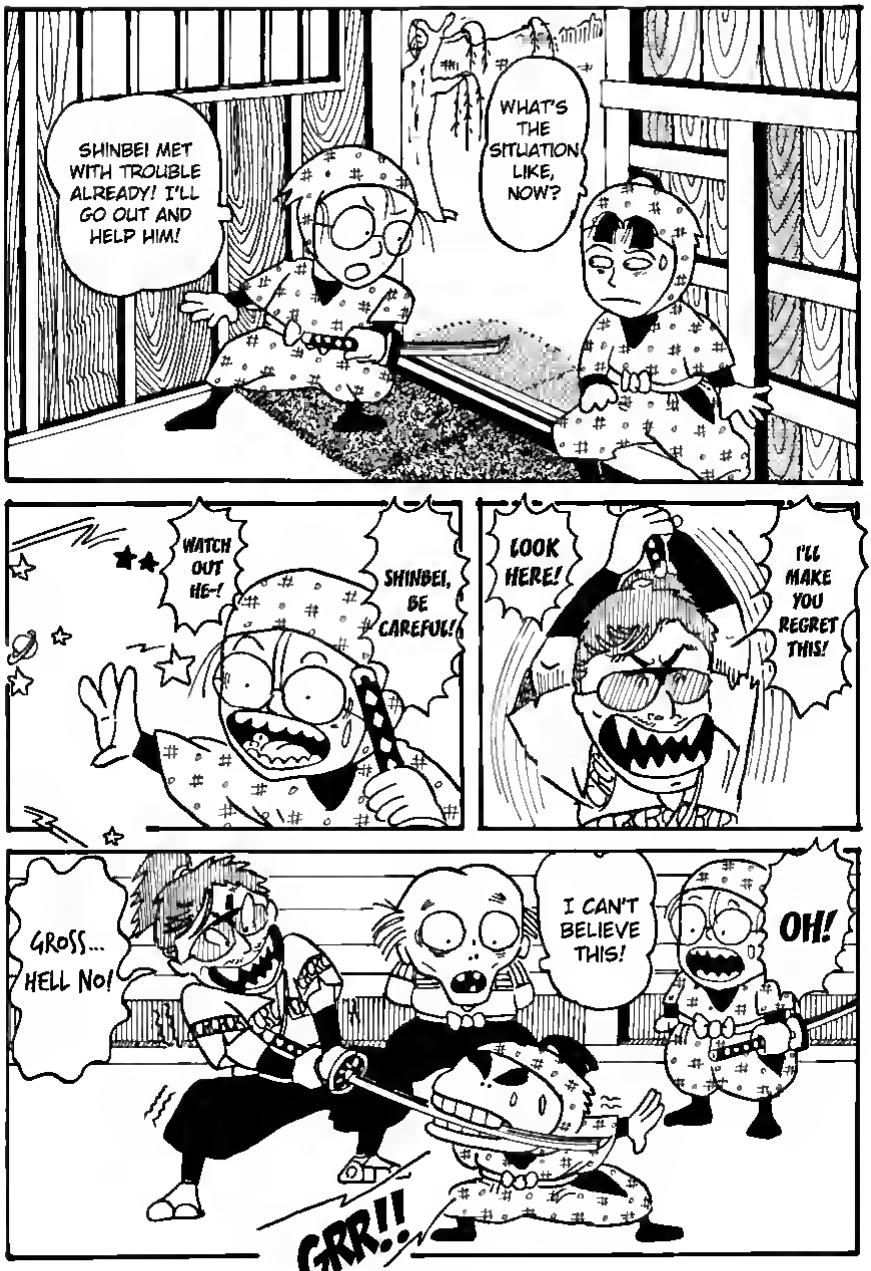

HE HE...
...
HEY! LET'S STOP OVER HERE!

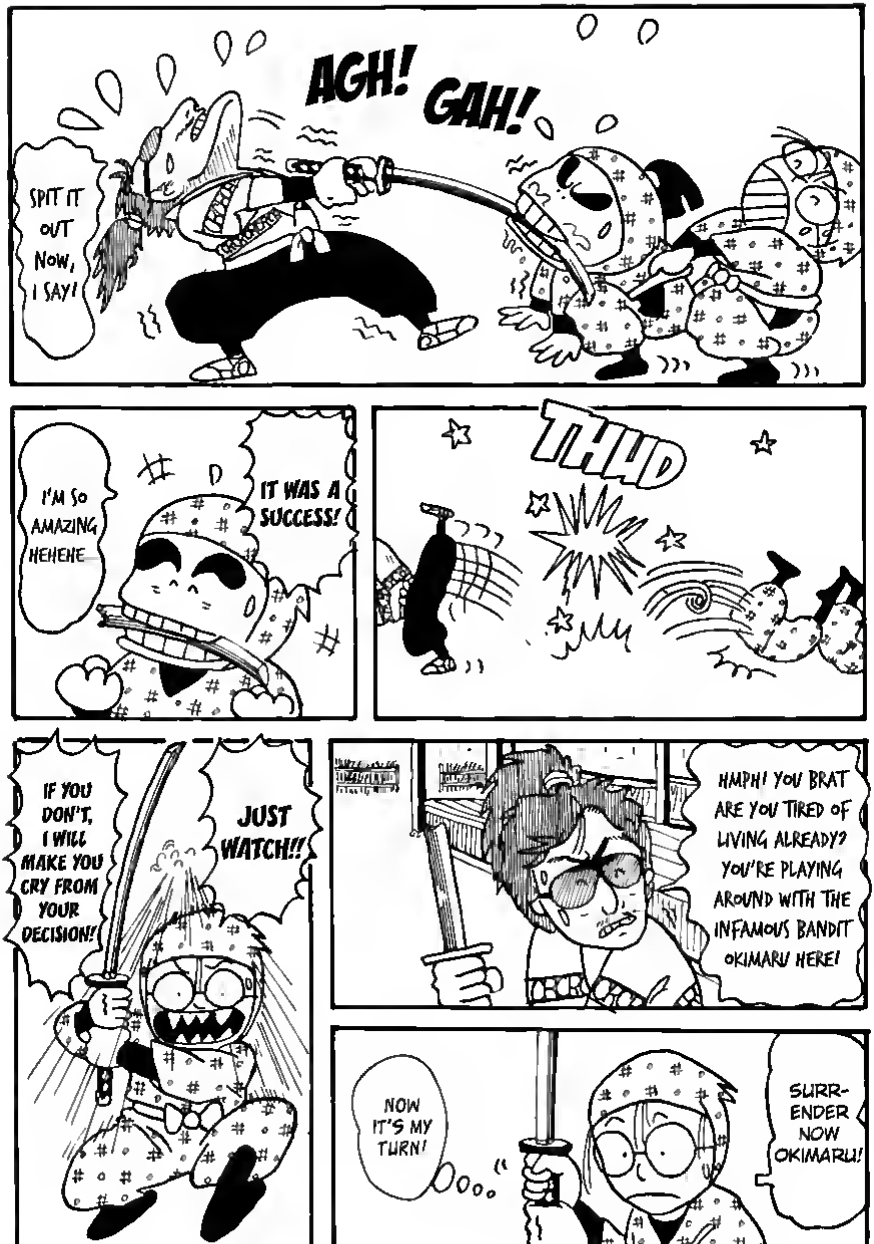

THERE'S A FAT BRAT ON THE PORCH OF THAT HOUSE!
LOOK THERE!
WHAT'S WRONG OKIMARU ?

SURE, YOU MAKE A GOOD POINT!
THERE MIGHT BE A LOT OF FOOD IN THERE SINCE THE CHILD SEEMS PRETTY WELL FED!

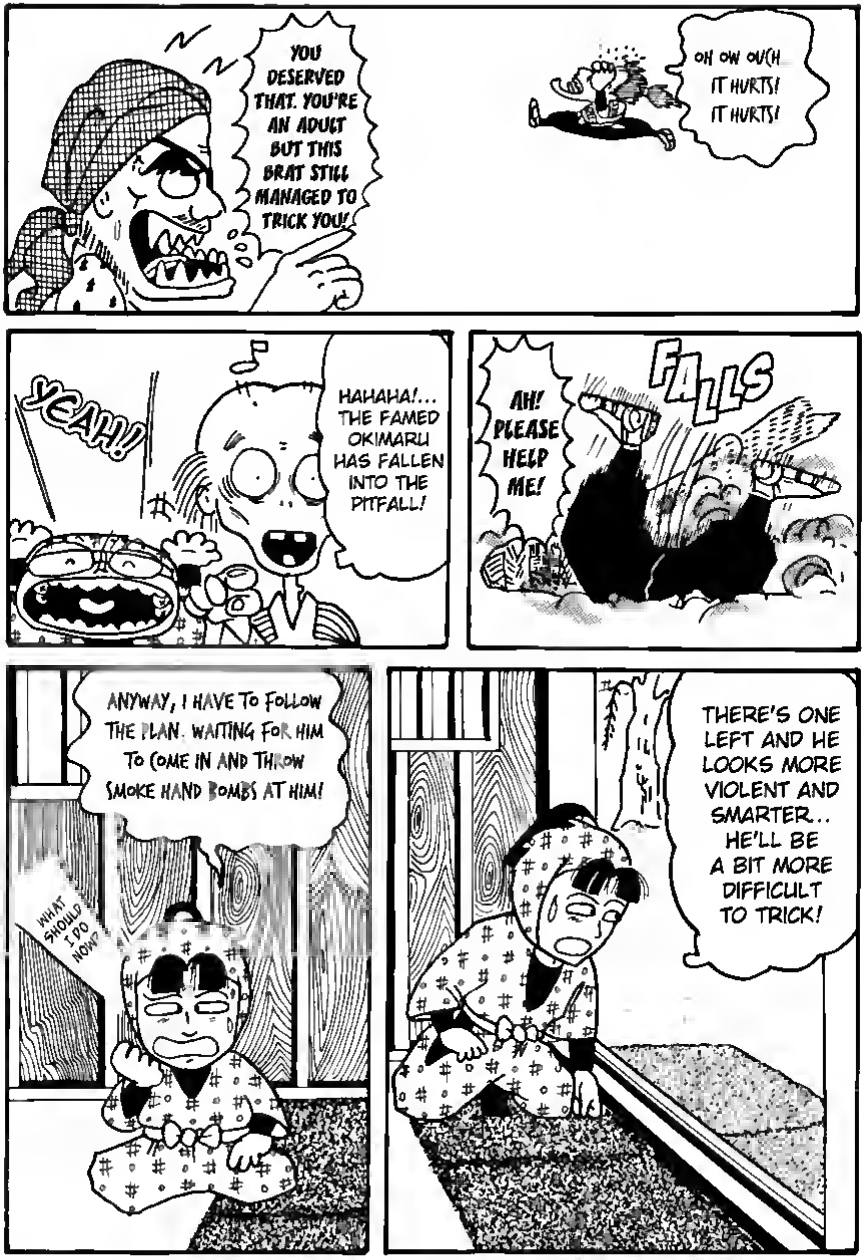
BUT THAT HOUSE LOOKS VERY POOR! WE DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN GET ANYTHING OUT OF IT.
LET'S GET READY TO ATTACK!

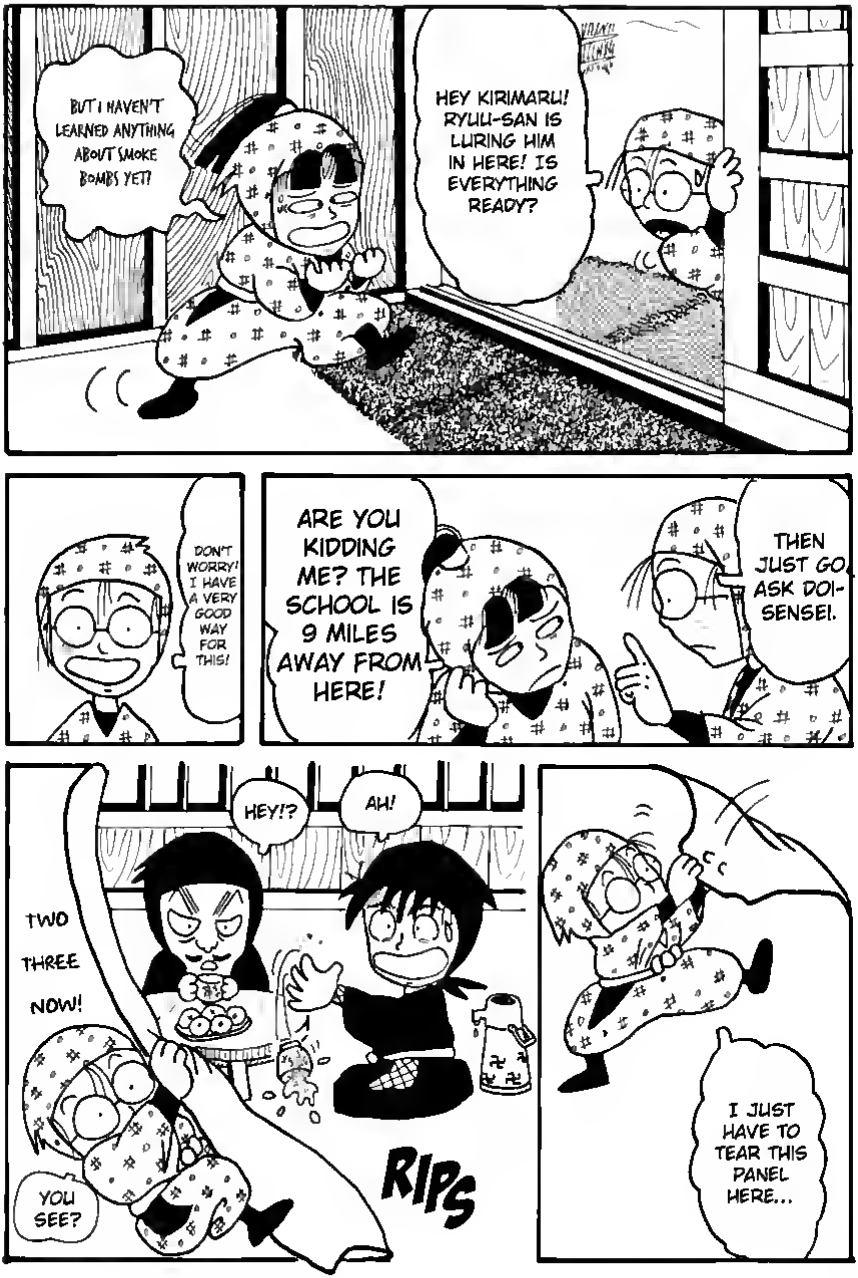

AH!
HEY BRAT! ARE YOUR PARENTS HOME?
HURRY AND SHOW ME WHERE THE STORE-HOUSE IS!
KID, THAT'S SOME BIG TALK!
HMPH!
IF YOU WANT TO ROB THIS HOUSE, YOU'LL NEED TO GO THROUGH MY DEAD BODY!
NO WAY!
WHAT A LIAR! A KID LIKE YOU DARES TRY TO THREATEN ME?
AH! HE LOOKS REALLY ANGRY NOW, MISTER!
STOP YOUR EVIL WAYS! OR HAVE YOU COME TO DIE, BANDIT?


SHINBEI MET WITH TROUBLE ALREADY! I'LL GO OUT AND HELP HIM!
WHAT'S THE SITUATION LIKE, NOW?
WATCH OUT HE-!
SHINBEI, BE CAREFUL!
LOOK HERE!
I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET THIS!
GROSS... HELL NO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
OH!
GRR!!

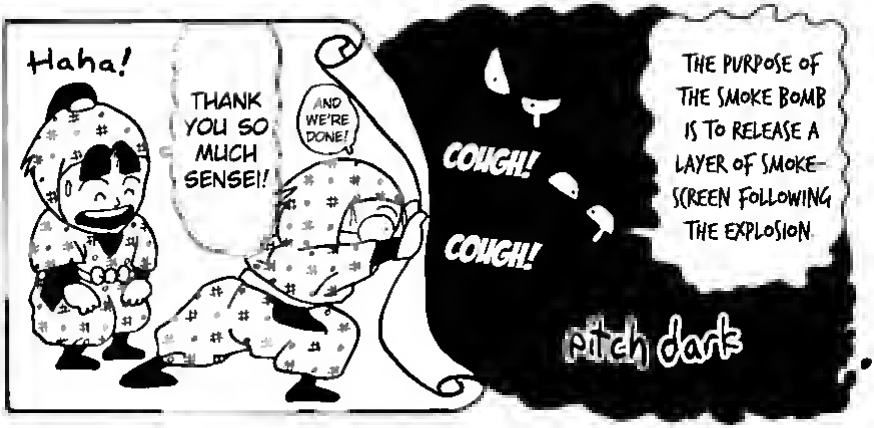

AGH!
GAH!
SPIT IT OUT NOW, I SAY!
I'M SO AMAZING HEHEHE
IT WAS A SUCCESS!
THUD
IF YOU DON'T, I WILL MAKE YOU CRY FROM YOUR DECISION!
JUST WATCH!!
HMPH! YOU BRAT ARE YOU TIRED OF LIVING ALREADY? YOU'RE PLAYING AROUND WITH THE INFAMOUS BANDIT OKIMARU HERE!
NOW IT'S MY TURN!
SURR-ENDER NOW OKIMARU!

?
Catch!
I'M OKAY WITH LOSING HERE...
I FAILED
HAHAHA... LET'S SEE IF YOUR SWORDSMANSHIP CAN REALLY PASS THROUGH MY HANDS!
HUH!
WHACK!
HA HA HA!
SO YOU AGREE TO GIVE UP NOW!


YOU DESERVED THAT. YOU'RE AN ADULT BUT THIS BRAT STILL MANAGED TO TRICK YOU!
OH OW OUCH IT HURTS! IT HURTS!
YEAH!!
HAHAHA!... THE FAMED OKIMARU HAS FALLEN INTO THE PITFALL!
AH! PLEASE HELP ME!
FALLS
ANYWAY, I HAVE TO FOLLOW THE PLAN. WAITING FOR HIM TO COME IN AND THROW SMOKE HAND BOMBS AT HIM!
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
THERE'S ONE LEFT AND HE LOOKS MORE VIOLENT AND SMARTER.. HE'LL BE A BIT MORE DIFFICULT TO TRICK!


BUT I HAVEN'T LEARNED ANYTHING ABOUT SMOKE BOMBS YET!
HEY KIRIMARU! RYUU-SAN IS LURING HIM IN HERE! IS EVERYTHING READY?
DON'T WORRY! I HAVE A VERY GOOD WAY FOR THIS!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? THE SCHOOL IS 9 MILES AWAY FROM HERE!
THEN JUST GO ASK DOI-SENSEI.
HEY!?
AH!
TWO
THREE
NOW!
YOU SEE?
RIPS
I JUST HAVE TO TEAR THIS PANEL HERE...

IT'S AN EMERGENCY! SENSEI, YOU MUST HELP US!
POTATO CHIPS
IS THAT CLEAR?
H-HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU! YOU CAN'T PLAY LIKE THIS!
THAT BOTH OF YOU ASKED QUESTIONS OUTSIDE OF CLASS.
FASTER, SENSEI!
I AM QUITE HAPPY...
YES!
SMOKE BOMBS?
SENSEI, HURRY UP AND TEACH ME!
THE INSIDES YOU FILL UP WITH GUNPOWDER AND CHEMICALS TO CREATE SMOKE. THEN YOU LIGHT THE FUSE AND THROW THEM.
HERE!
SMOKE BOMBS, ALSO KNOWN AS SMOKESCREEN, ARE MADE FROM PAPER MACHE FORMED IN THE SHAPE OF A HOLLOW SPHERE...
BOOM!


Haha!
THANK YOU SO MUCH SENSE!
AND WE'RE DONE!
COUGH!
COUGH!
THE PURPOSE OF THE SMOKE BOMB IS TO RELEASE A LAYER OF SMOKE-SCREEN FOLLOWING THE EXPLOSION.
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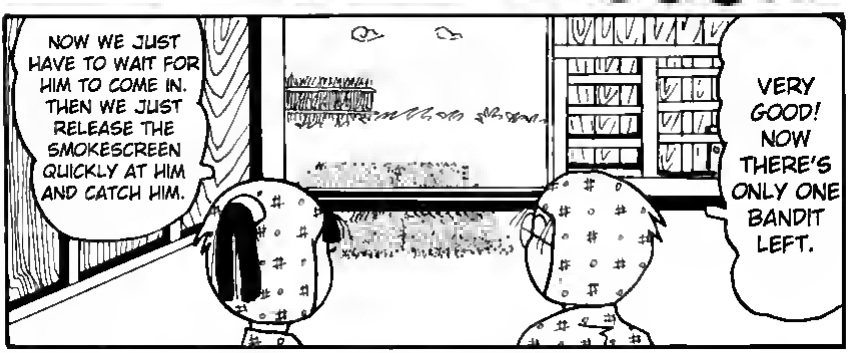
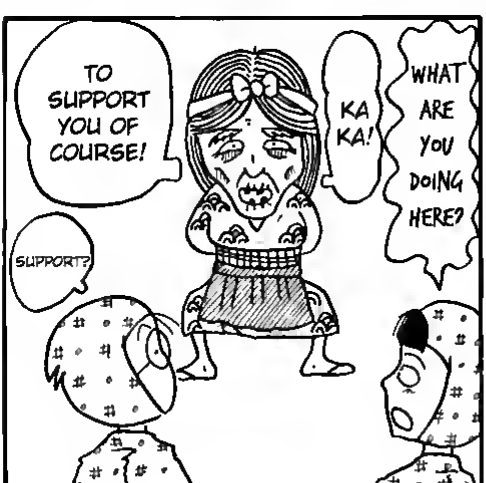
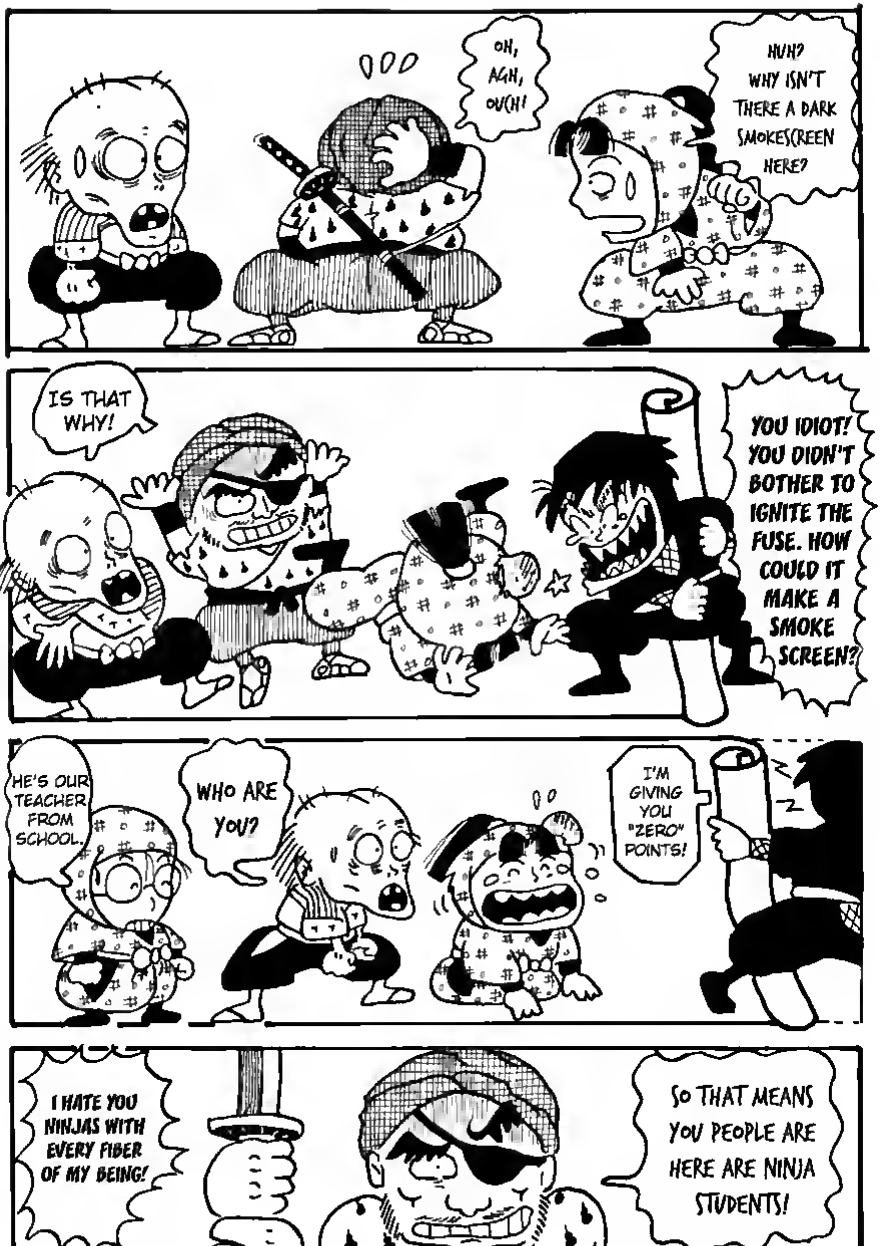
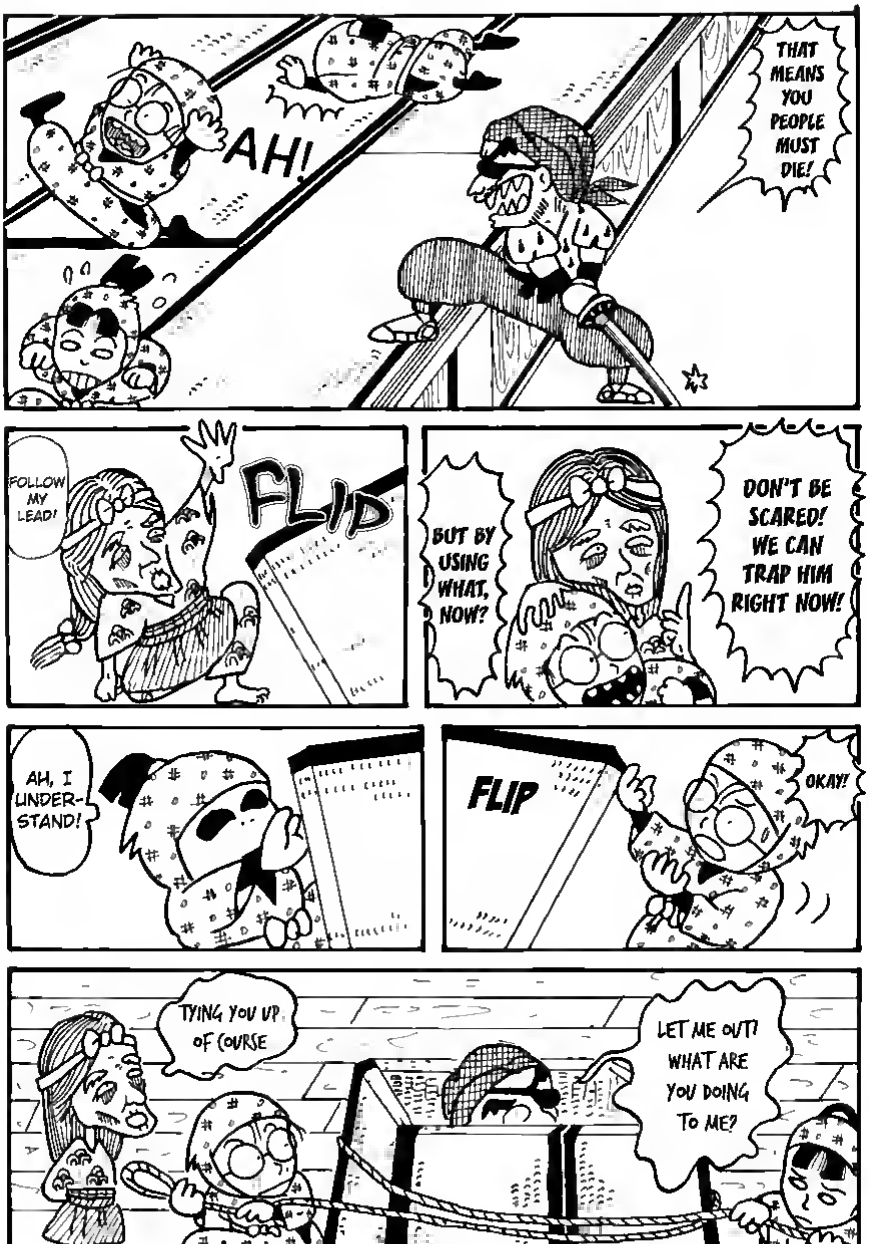

NOW WE JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR HIM TO COME IN. THEN WE JUST RELEASE THE SMOKESCREEN QUICKLY AT HIM AND CATCH HIM.
VERY GOOD! NOW THERE'S ONLY ONE BANDIT LEFT.

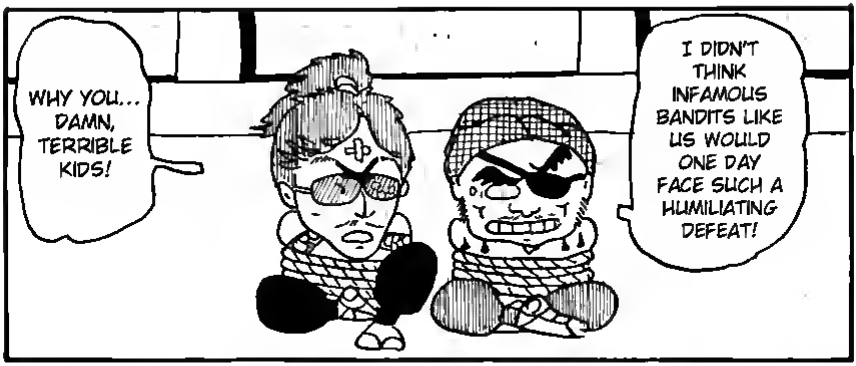

TO SUPPORT YOU OF COURSE!
KA KA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SUPPORT?

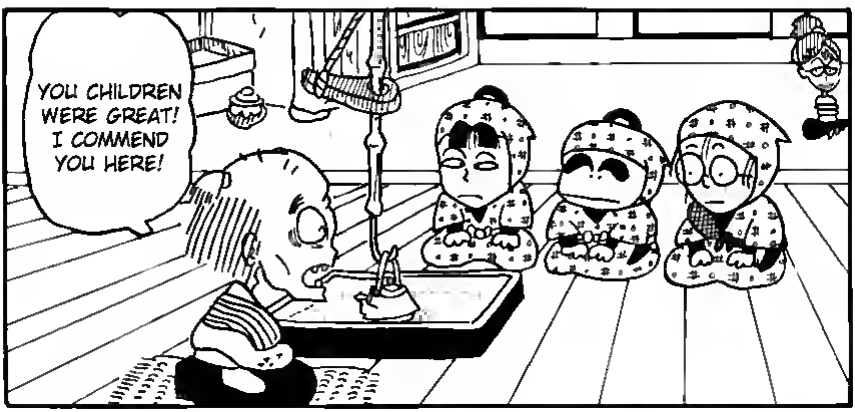
OH!
HUH?

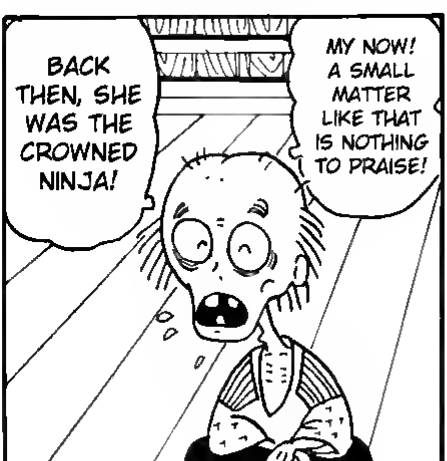
I HAVE A CERTIFICATE TO PROVE IT!
LOOK AT YOUR BODY! HOW CAN YOU CALL YOURSELF THE "DRAGON NINJA"?
OLD MAN, YOU LIAR!
HEHE... HE'S GOING ALONG WITH THE TRICK!
PLEASE COME ON IN!
WHERE NOW? LET ME SEE IT BEFORE I'LL BELIEVE IT!
AH!
HIT!
HURRY UP AND ATONE!
YOU EVIL BANDIT THERE!

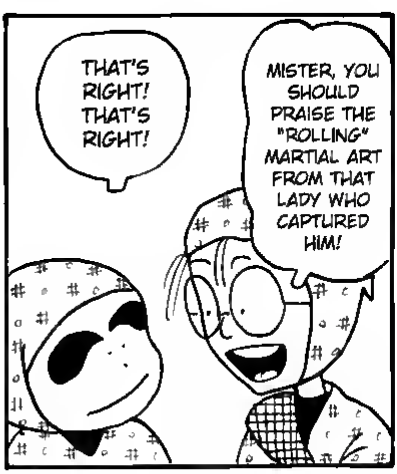

OH, AGH, OUCH!
HUH? WHY ISN'T THERE A DARK SMOKESCREEN HERE?
IS THAT WHY!
YOU IDIOT! YOU DIDN'T BOTHER TO IGNITE THE FUSE. HOW COULD IT MAKE A SMOKE SCREEN?
HE'S OUR TEACHER FROM SCHOOL.
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M GIVING YOU "ZERO" POINTS!
I HATE YOU NINJAS WITH EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING!
SO THAT MEANS YOU PEOPLE ARE HERE ARE NINJA STUDENTS!

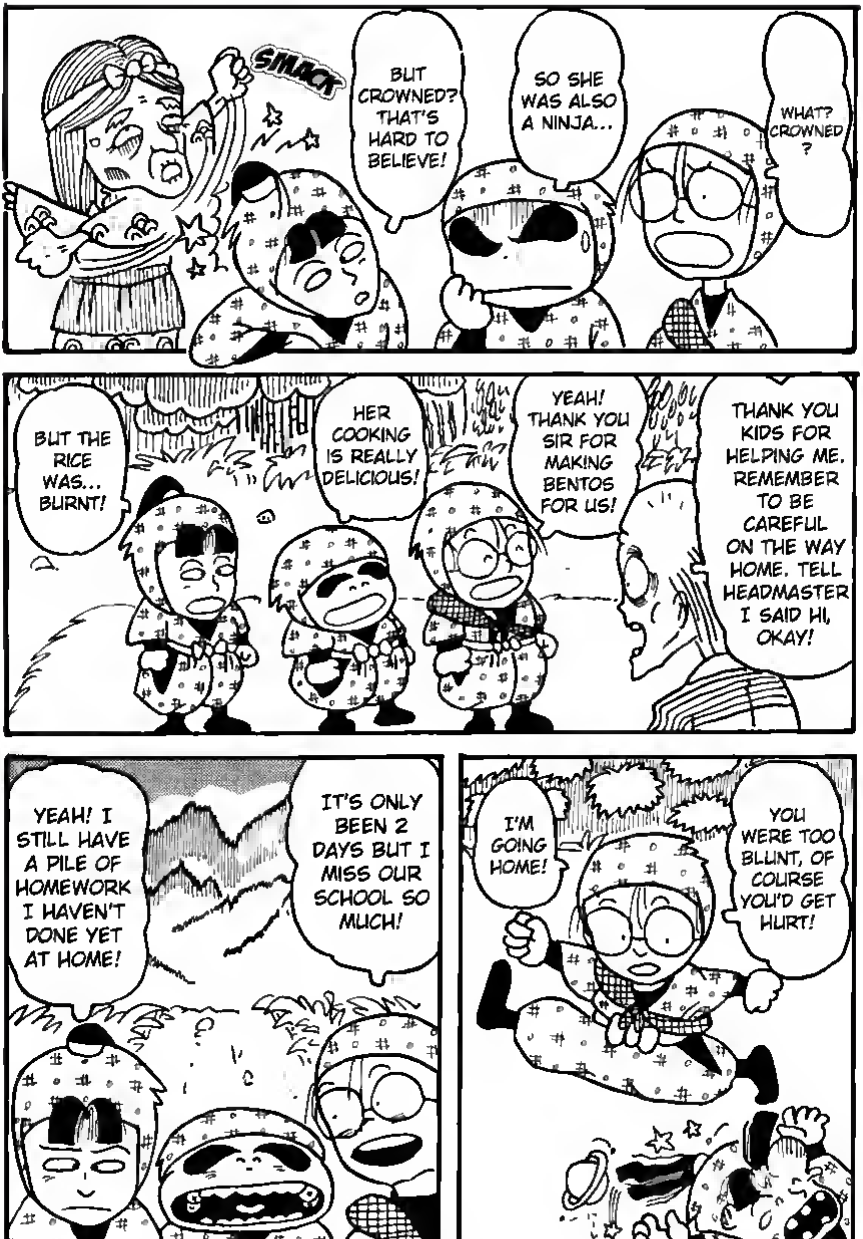

AH!
THAT MEANS YOU PEOPLE MUST DIE!
FOLLOW MY LEAD!
FLIP
BUT BY USING WHAT, NOW?
DON'T BE SCARED! WE CAN TRAP HIM RIGHT NOW!
AH, I UNDER-STAND!
FLIP
OKAY!
TYING YOU UP OF COURSE
LET ME OUT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME?

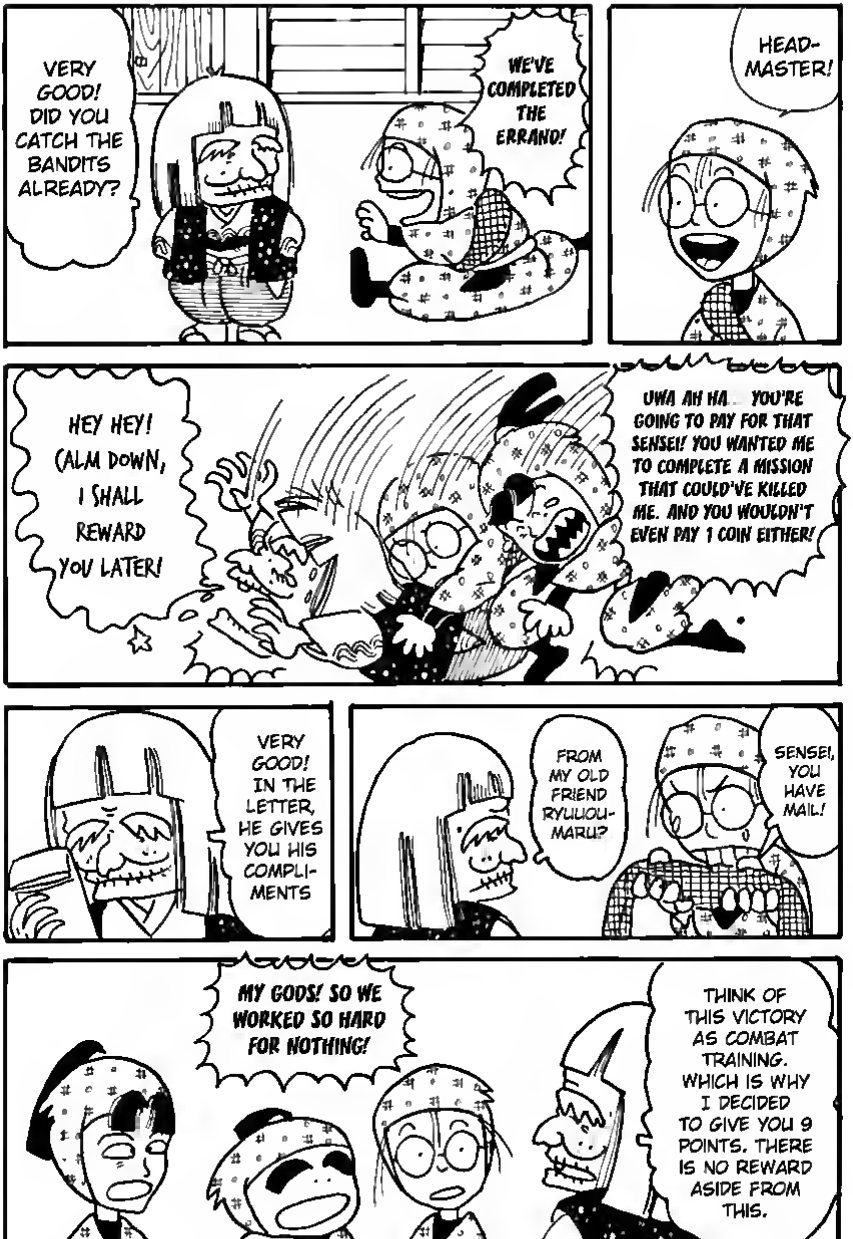

WHY YOU... DAMN, TERRIBLE KIDS!
I DIDN'T THINK INFAMOUS BANDITS LIKE US WOULD ONE DAY FACE SUCH A HUMILIATING DEFEAT!

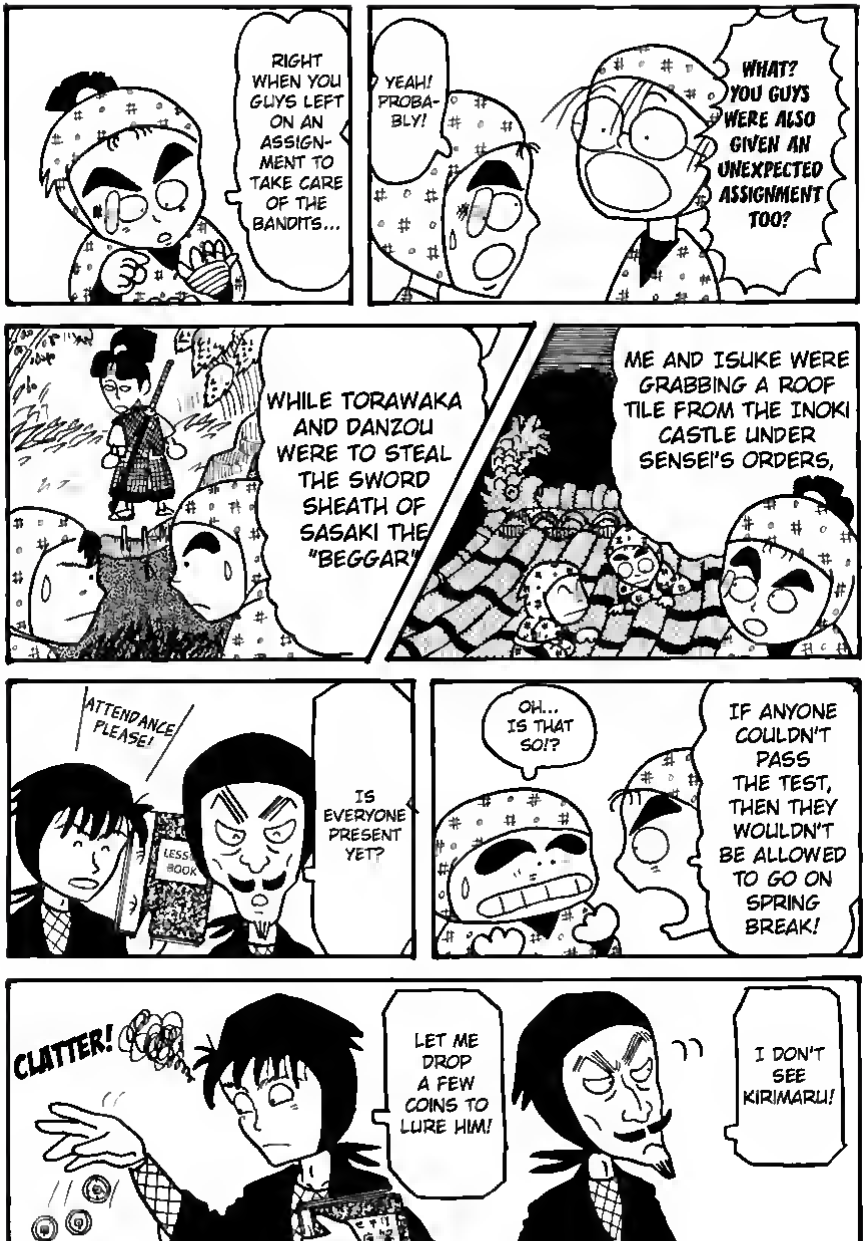

YOU CHILDREN WERE GREAT! I COMMEND YOU HERE!

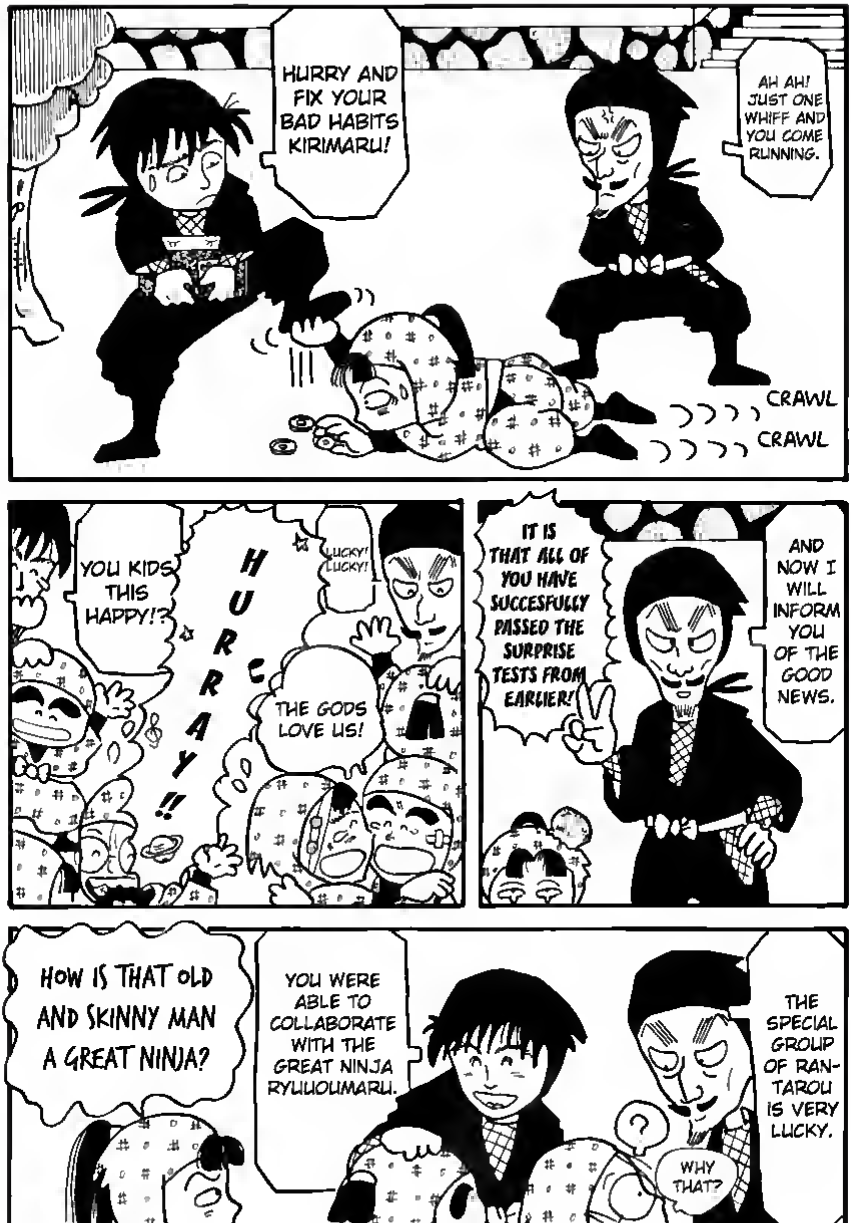

BACK THEN, SHE WAS THE CROWNED NINJA!
MY NOW! A SMALL MATTER LIKE THAT IS NOTHING TO PRAISE!

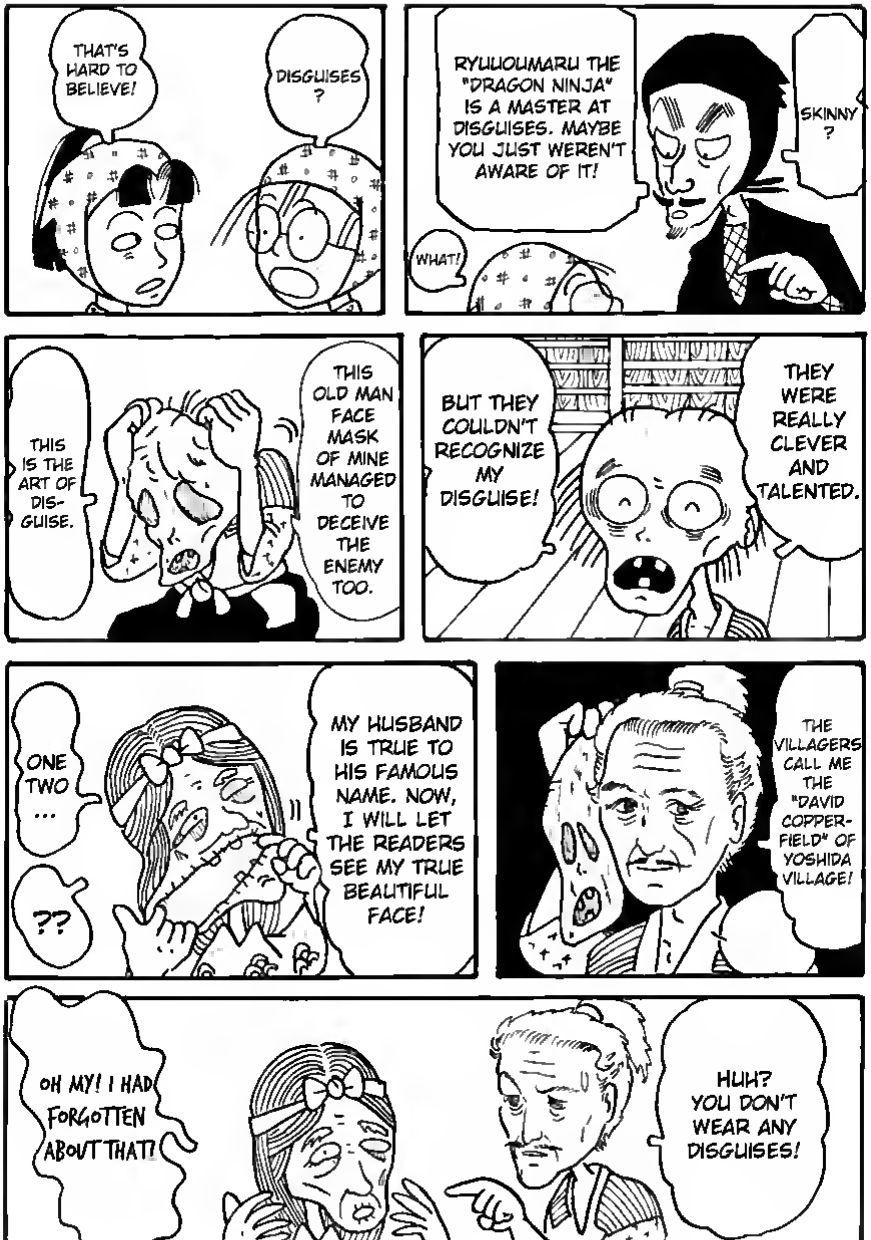

THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S RIGHT!
MISTER, YOU SHOULD PRAISE THE "ROLLING" MARTIAL ART FROM THAT LADY WHO CAPTURED HIM!


SMACK
BUT CROWNED? THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE!
SO SHE WAS ALSO A NINJA...
WHAT? CROWNED ?
BUT THE RICE WAS... BURNT!
HER COOKING IS REALLY DELICIOUS!
YEAH! THANK YOU SIR FOR MAKING BENTOS FOR US!
THANK YOU KIDS FOR HELPING ME. REMEMBER TO BE CAREFUL ON THE WAY HOME. TELL HEADMASTER I SAID HI, OKAY!
YEAH! I STILL HAVE A PILE OF HOMEWORK I HAVEN'T DONE YET AT HOME!
IT'S ONLY BEEN 2 DAYS BUT I MISS OUR SCHOOL SO MUCH!
I'M GOING HOME!
YOU WERE TOO BLUNT, OF COURSE YOU'D GET HURT!


VERY GOOD! DID YOU CATCH THE BANDITS ALREADY?
WE'VE COMPLETED THE ERRAND!
HEAD-MASTER!
HEY HEY! CALM DOWN, I SHALL REWARD YOU LATER!
UWA AH HA... YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT SENSEI! YOU WANTED ME TO COMPLETE A MISSION THAT COULD'VE KILLED ME. AND YOU WOULDN'T EVEN PAY 1 COIN EITHER!
VERY GOOD! IN THE LETTER, HE GIVES YOU HIS COMPLI-MENTS
FROM MY OLD FRIEND RYUUOU-MARU?
SENSEI, YOU HAVE MAIL!
MY GODS! SO WE WORKED SO HARD FOR NOTHING!
THINK OF THIS VICTORY AS COMBAT TRAINING. WHICH IS WHY I DECIDED TO GIVE YOU 9 POINTS. THERE IS NO REWARD ASIDE FROM THIS.


RIGHT WHEN YOU GUYS LEFT ON AN ASSIGN-MENT TO TAKE CARE OF THE BANDITS...
YEAH! PROBA-BLY!
WHAT? YOU GUYS WERE ALSO GIVEN AN UNEXPECTED ASSIGNMENT TOO?
WHILE TORAWAKA AND DANZOU WERE TO STEAL THE SWORD SHEATH OF SASAKI THE "BEGGAR"
ME AND ISUKE WERE GRABBING A ROOF TILE FROM THE INOKI CASTLE UNDER SENSEI'S ORDERS,
ATTENDANCE PLEASE!
LESSON BOOK
IS EVERYONE PRESENT YET?
OH... IS THAT SO!?
IF ANYONE COULDN'T PASS THE TEST, THEN THEY WOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO GO ON SPRING BREAK!
CLATTER!
LET ME DROP A FEW COINS TO LURE HIM!
I DON'T SEE KIRIMARU!


HURRY AND FIX YOUR BAD HABITS KIRIMARU!
AH AH! JUST ONE WHIFF AND YOU COME RUNNING.
CRAWL
CRAWL
YOU KIDS THIS HAPPY!?
HURRAY!!
LUCKY! LUCKY!
THE GODS LOVE US!
IT IS THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE SUCCESFULLY PASSED THE SURPRISE TESTS FROM EARLIER!
AND NOW I WILL INFORM YOU OF THE GOOD NEWS.
HOW IS THAT OLD AND SKINNY MAN A GREAT NINJA?
YOU WERE ABLE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE GREAT NINJA RYUUOUMARU.
WHY THAT?
THE SPECIAL GROUP OF RAN-TAROU IS VERY LUCKY.


THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE!
DISGUISES ?
RYUUOUMARU THE "DRAGON NINJA" IS A MASTER AT DISGUISES. MAYBE YOU JUST WEREN'T AWARE OF IT!
SKINNY ?
WHAT!
THIS IS THE ART OF DIS-GUISE.
THIS OLD MAN FACE MASK OF MINE MANAGED TO DECEIVE THE ENEMY TOO.
BUT THEY COULDN'T RECOGNIZE MY DISGUISE!
THEY WERE REALLY CLEVER AND TALENTED.
ONE TWO ...
??
MY HUSBAND IS TRUE TO HIS FAMOUS NAME. NOW, I WILL LET THE READERS SEE MY TRUE BEAUTIFUL FACE!
THE VILLAGERS CALL ME THE "DAVID COPPER-FIELD" OF YOSHIDA VILLAGE!
OH MY! I HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT!
HUH? YOU DON'T WEAR ANY DISGUISES!